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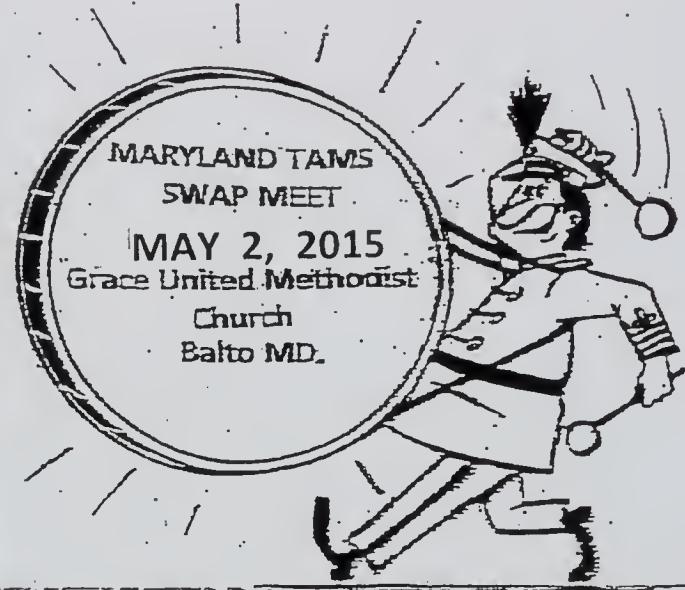
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

28 MAR - WHITMAN COIN EXPO (CONVENTION CENTER) 11AM - 1PM ROOM TBD

02 MAY - SWAP MEET (GRACE UNITED METHODIST) NOON - 3PM

18 JUL - WHITMAN COIN EXPO (CONVENTION CENTER) 11AM - 1PM ROOM TBD

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I want to remind everyone of our dues change. Effective on 31 March 2015, the Maryland Token and Medal Society (MD TAMS) annual dues are \$15.00 a year. If you have not yet renewed your 2015 membership, please do so as soon as possible. We do not want you to miss out on any of the Maryland TAMS Journals. We do not want to lose any of our current members as you are the heart and backbone of this organization, so please pay your dues and help us keep the Maryland Token and Medal Society strong.

I mentioned the Maryland TAMS Journal above. We are very fortunate that some of our members have taken the time and effort to produce some very interesting and informative articles for our Journal. I am sure you enjoy reading these articles and like me, learn a lot from them. They are full of local history and they help the Maryland Token and Medal Society document tokens and medals. In some cases, we find out about the background and history of people and businesses associated with these items, many long gone from the Maryland landscape. In other instances, we find about new or relatively new tokens and medals of which we were not aware.

It is very important that our club makes every effort possible to document for future collectors the Maryland exonumia of which we are aware. If we fail to do this, valuable information could be permanently lost and this would be a real shame. I am very proud of the efforts of the Maryland Token and Medal Society to document various aspects of our hobby for posterity. We have produced numerous references and written many articles to capture details of our collecting interests. This has been a productive success of which we should be very proud. Please keep these efforts going. Recently, Joe Burford finished another elongated reference update which we sent to you with your Maryland TAMS Journal.

We have a small but dedicated group of members who regularly write very informative articles for our Journal. We would like more members to help in this area. Do not be scared away by the fact that some of these articles are very detailed and require much research. As good and as valuable as these are, it is important that we receive short articles (a page or less even) on a new find or an area of your local collecting interest. Not all our members collect the same thing. Find that new token, elongated, encased, gaming chip, challenge coin, commemorative medal, etc. and write a paragraph or two about it or the business or person associated with it. This will be good for our Journal and document it for historical purposes.

Wishing you a mild winter without too much snow (I hope). Stay warm and keep collecting and documenting !!! See you at a meeting or SWAP MEET.

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**Meeting at the Whitman Coin Expo in Baltimore**

## Babe Ruth's Token

Russ Sears



24mm aluminum

As a kid, George H. Ruth, Jr. was in and out of trouble and in and out of St. Mary's Industrial School for Boys beginning at age seven in 1902. The school was a combined reform school and orphanage run by the Xavierian Brothers who taught him to put collars on shirts and to play baseball.

George Sr. worked at various jobs before opening his first saloon around 1902-3 at 426 West Camden Street ( a location currently in Oriole Park at Camden Yards ). The 1904 Polk's Directory for Baltimore shows his saloon at 712 Hanover Street. From 1906-1912, his saloon and home was at 406 West Conway Street. Sometimes referred to as a cafe, the saloon went out of business in 1912, the same year in which his wife Kate died. It was not uncommon for the families of small business owners to live above the business. This was particularly true for those owners who spent untold hours running the business.

Young George was good at playing baseball and was an outstanding pitcher as well as hitter. He was so good that after being scouted by the Baltimore Orioles, then a minor league team owned and managed by Jack Dunn, he was signed by the team in February 1914, the month in which he turned 19. During training in North Carolina he acquired the nickname Babe for being so young. He impressed players and fans alike with his pitching and hitting.

Babe's play was great as he began the 1914 season on the International League Orioles. But, revenue for the team was reduced as it competed with the Baltimore Terrapins of the newly formed Federal Baseball League, a third major league. It was necessary for Dunn to sell some of his players in order to keep his team. Babe was one of the players sold, and he was sold to Boston. Babe spent most of the 1914 season playing for the Providence Grays, a minor league team owned by the Boston Red Sox. He led his team to the International League pennant. While he played some games in Boston that year, the 1915 season was when Babe was a major

league regular. It is interesting that the only time he is listed in a Baltimore City directory was in 1915 when he was listed a ballplayer, 552 W. Conway St., his father's address.

In 1915, Babe had 18 wins and an ERA of 2.44. The Red Sox became world champions after beating the Phillies in the world series. As a world champion, Babe's share was close to \$4000. The money kept coming as he went 23 wins and 12 losses with an ERA of 1.75, best in the league in 1916, when he was only 21 years old. He had 24 wins and 13 losses in 1917 with an ERA of 2.01. Fantastic pitching, but after showing great

power at the plate, his batting was too good to limit him to only play periodically as a pitcher. He became an everyday player in 1918. His contract was sold to the New York Yankees in 1919 and the rest is baseball history. George Herman "Babe" Ruth Jr. is considered by many to be the greatest baseball player who ever lived, becoming a charter member of the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1936.

After coming home with his world series share in 1915, Babe purchased 38 South Eutaw Street in Baltimore for his father's new saloon. During the off-season, Babe would work next to his dad. Sr. died in 1918 after hitting his head on the pavement as he tried to break up a fight.



Circa 1915 Photograph of Babe Ruth and his father in their saloon

We found it interesting that a 1926 C&P Address Telephone Directory listed Ruth's Cafe at 38 S. Eutaw St., telephone number CA2474, but do not know if Babe had anything to do with it.

Since Prohibition began on January 16, 1920, the business would not have been known as a saloon. Today, the business which occupies this historical address is The Goddess, a strip club which also includes 36 S. Eutaw, and is owned by George Kritikos of Pasadena, Maryland.

The Babe Ruth's token was made by Baltimore's J. F. W. Dorman. In reviewing Baltimore token listings in Maryland Merchant Tokens, we find that the reverse 5 die was also used on tokens of several other Baltimore businesses. They were all noted as being in the early 1900's, making the use of the die consistent with the 1915-18 period in which George Sr. operated the saloon at 38 South Eutaw Street.

. It is our conclusion that the illustrated token was from the 1915-16 period when Babe bought the saloon for his dad. Referring to the saloon as Babe Ruth's would have capitalized on his achievements and popularity.

#### References and sources:

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## Quick Summary of Babe Ruth

**Birth name:** George Herman Ruth

**Born:** February 6, 1895 in Baltimore, Maryland

**Died:** August 16, 1948 in New York, New York

**Height:** 6' 2"

**Weight:** 215 lbs

**Batted:** Left

**Threw:** Left

**Major League Baseball debut:** July 11, 1914

**Last Major League Baseball appearance:** May 30, 1935

**Hall of Fame:** Elected in 1936 receiving 95.13% of the votes

## HE MADE MORE THAN LOCOMOTIVES

Frank and Jan Puglicsc

While trying to trace a particular civil war contractor, I was leafing through pages of Francis Lord's book, Civil War Collectors Encyclopedia Volume 1, when I spotted an unusual piece of artillery- the Winans' steam gun. This singularly unique weapon was huge gun which was mounted on platform with wheels. Also on the platform was a fire engine steam boiler which propelled bullets from the gun. This gun could shoot, in rapid fire, 200 bullets a minute at a distance of 2 miles. This gun was designed by Charles Dickenson and built by Ross Winans, a Baltimore locomotive builder. It was ready for use at the beginning of the Civil War,

As fate would have it, the gun was captured by Union forces, the 6<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry. It was then placed at the viaduct over the Patuxent River which was used by the B&O railroad as a route to Washington. There it sat during the entire war. As it was never used in battle, we will never know the effectiveness of the weapon. Tokens from the Winans company of Baltimore are listed in David Schenkman's book as 60 W 80a and 60 W 80b. This one more interesting sidebar to the joys of collecting "oddstuff."

The photo shown here, from Lord's book, was originally shown in Harpers, the Life Magazine of the Civil War.



Williams Steam gun. (Harpers)

AN UNPUBLISHED BONNIE BLINK VARIETY

Frank and Jan Pugliese

At the fall 2014 Whitman Baltimore show, we purchased a collection of Bonnie Blink and other Masonic tokens. This group contained the elusive BB-58a - the Dedication Day token for the new multi-purpose building, completed in 1993. This token filled a long time gap in our collection. We were delighted to own it.

We continued to compare the tokens in this acquisition with those in our collection to seek out possible upgrades. To our surprise, we found an unlisted variety. A Vernon Taylor, in his book Bonnie Blink Corn Husking Pennies in 1983, listed the 1976 BB-41 as a reeded edge antique silver color token. The token in the acquisition was identical except it was gilt. The preceding and following years' tokens were also gilt but had plain edges. Naturally, this find has been added to our collection as an unpublished variety. We are announcing this discovery in the Journal to alert other collectors of Masonic items and to show there are still things to be discovered, even in a well-documented series of exonumia.



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